

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-5 are presented for consideration, with Claim 1 being independent.

Editorial changes have been made to the abstract to better set forth the technical features of the invention.

In the claims, Claim 1 has been amended to further distinguish Applicant's invention from the cited art. Claims 2 and 6 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Ikeda '521, with "supporting evidence" from Ito '008 and Etori '561. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 of Applicant's invention relates to a display device comprised of a display substrate and a rear substrate disposed with a space, a transparent liquid disposed in the space between the substrates, and a partition wall formed from a material capable of transmitting light and disposed in the space between the substrates. A light shielding layer is disposed between the partition wall and the rear substrate, and a light scattering layer is disposed on the rear substrate and capable of reflecting an incident light from outside the display substrate. A refractive index of the partition wall, $n(K)$, is no less than that of the transparent liquid, $n(L)$. As amended, Claim 1 recites that $n(L)$ is not larger than 1.42, and $n(K)$ and $n(L)$ satisfy the condition of $90^\circ - \text{Arcsin}[1/2n(K)] < \text{Arcsin}[n(L)/n(K)]$.

As will be appreciated, Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of Claim 2. Additionally, Claim 1 has been amended to set forth that the refractive index of the

transparent liquid, $n(L)$, is not larger than 1.42. Support for this change can be found, for example, in Example 1 disclosed beginning on page 19, line 25 of the specification (see, specifically, page 22, lines 8 and 9). In accordance with Applicant's claimed invention, a high performance display device is provided.

The primary citation to Ikeda relates to an electrophoretic display device. As shown in Figure 1, the device includes a display side substrate 1 and a rear side substrate 2, and a dispersing fluid 4 within the device contains charged particles 5.

In contrast to Applicant's claimed invention, however, Ikeda does not teach or suggest, among other features, a display device with a refractive index of the transparent liquid being not larger than 1.42, and the refractive indices of the partition wall and the transparent liquid satisfying the condition set forth in Claim 1.

The secondary citations to Ito and Etori relate to a light emitting unit and a light control film, respectively, and were cited for their teachings of specific refraction indices. These patents fail, however, to compensate for the deficiencies in Ikeda with respect to Claim 1, as discussed above. Therefore, it is submitted that Ikeda, whether taken alone or with the supporting evidence of the secondary citations, fails to teach or suggest Applicant's claimed invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

Finally, Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Ikeda in view of four secondary citations. Without conceding to the propriety of this

rejection, Claim 6 has been cancelled. This rejection is therefore deemed to be moot and should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, it is submitted that Applicant's invention as set forth in independent Claim 1 is patentable over the cited art. In addition, dependent Claims 3-5 set forth additional features of Applicant's invention. Independent consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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